## **REMARKS**

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks. Claims 21-49 are pending. The Office action dated December 13, 2005 ["Office action"] rejected claims 21-49 for obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 1-30 of U.S. Patent No. 6,711,278.

The Applicants respectfully disagree with the obviousness-type double patenting rejections of claims 21-49 as well as the reasoning and characterizations of the claims expressed by the Examiner in the Office action. To expedite prosecution, however, the Applicants have submitted a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,711,278. The Terminal Disclaimer renders moot the double patent rejections.

Claims 21-49 should be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

## **REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW**

The Applicants believe the application to be allowable. If any issues remain, however, the Examiner is formally requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (503) 226-7391 prior to issuance of the next communication in order to arrange a telephonic interview. This request is being submitted under MPEP § 713.01, which indicates that an interview may be arranged in advance by a written request.

Respectfully submitted,

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